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Sir:

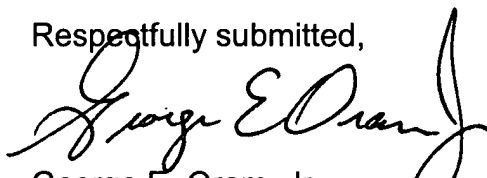
The Office Action dated December 13, 2006, noted that the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 8, 2005, fails to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document. As set forth in the Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants believed that the International Bureau had forwarded the same to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of PTO/SB/08a filed June 8, 2005, and copies of the cited foreign patent documents are attached. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject PTO/SB/08a.

Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper to Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 026390-00029.

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